

Before The
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of:)
Connect America Fund Rural Broadband Experiments) WC Docket No. 10-90
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**APPLICANT BARRY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC'S REPLY
IN OPPOSITION TO PETITIONS TO WAIVERS**

Barry Electric Cooperative, Inc., (hereinafter referred to as Barry Electric) would respectfully object to the waiver requests of the entities which did not meet the proposal requirements contained in the Commission's specifications announced in August, 2014.

Many of these entities request a waiver of the financial statements which would insure the entity has the capability to complete the projects it has proposed in its grant application. Barry Electric would note that a number of the entities are investor owned "start ups" and were formed within the past three years. These entities are requesting significant grant funds ranging up to \$17,500,000.00 without being able to meet the financial requirements of the grant program. The inability to provide financial data must raise the question, what if any broadband/fiber business the entities are currently successfully or unsuccessfully operating and whether the entity has the capability to successfully operate a broadband project.

Further, other entities seek a waiver of meeting the technical requirements of the grant and/or the financial requirements which again calls in question the entity's ability to operate a broadband project.

In contrast to the applicants which have not met the grant requirements and may not be able to meet the financing/operational requirements of operating a system, Barry Electric and other applicants have that ability and have provided the financial and technical evidence as required by the grant application. Barry Electric is a member owned electric cooperative that has been providing electric service to its members since 1946. That Barry Electric has provided fiber service to portions of its service for more than 15 years and has proven its ability to successfully implement the goals of the grant program both from a financial and operational standpoint.

Barry Electric would respectfully request the requests for waivers be denied.

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